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SUBJECT: CCD WESTERN GROUP MEETING, MARCH 2, 1976

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1. SUMMARY. CCD WESTERN GROUP MET MARCH 2 AND DISCUSSED SOVIET PROPOSALS REGARDING MASS DESTRUCTION WEAPONS (MDW) AND ENVIRONMENTAL MODIFICATION (ENMOD) AND VARIOUS ASPECTS OF CCD PROCEDURES. END SUMMARY.

2. CCD WESTERN GROUP MET MARCH 2 AT U.S. INVITATION. (CONTINUING U.N. EMPLOYEES' STRIKE PREVENTED COMMITTEE FROM HOLDING REGULARLY SCHEDULED PLENARY MEETING.)

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AT OPENING OF MEETING MARTIN (U.S.) GAVE EXTENSIVE

DEBRIEFING ON HIS MARCH 1 MEETING WITH SOVIET CO-CHAIRMAN ROSHCHIN (REFTELS), HIGHLIGHTING USSR PROPOSALS FOR INFORMAL MEETING WITH EXPERTS ON MDW AND FOR SPECIAL MEETINGS DEVOTED TO ARTICLE-BY-ARTICLE EXAMINATION OF DRAFT ENMOD CONVENTION DURING CCD'S SPRING SESSION.

3. IN RESPONSE, ON MDW SCHLAICH (FRG) REPORTED APPROACH TO FRG AMBASSADOR IN MOSCOW BY ISRAELYAN, MFA'S INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS BUREAU DIRECTOR, PROPOSING BILATERAL MEETINGS AS WELL AS USSR-FRG COOPERATION AT CCD. SCHLAICH SAID IT WAS UNDERSTOOD THAT SIMILAR APPROACHES HAD BEEN MADE TO U.K. AND FRENCH AMBASSADORS (ALLEN (UK) CONFIRMED APPROACH TO BRITITH), AND THAT ISRAELYAN HAD SAID MDW HAD BEEN DISCUSSED WITH SECRETARY KISSINGER "PERSONALLY." (MARTIN SAID THAT HE UNDERSTOOD SUBJECT HAD BEEN BROUGHT UP IN PASSING DURING SECRETARY'S RECENT VISIT TO MOSCOW AND RESPONSE TO SOVIET OVERTURE WAS WHOLLY NON-COMMITTAL.)

3. FRG, SCHLAICH CONTINUED, WAS NOT INTERESTED IN BILATERALS AND WAS NOT DISPOSED TO SEND EXPERTS FROM OUTSIDE GENEVA MISSION TO PROPOSED INFORMAL MEETING. FRG, HE SAID, CONSIDERED THAT SOVIETS OWED OTHERS SUBSTANTIALLY MORE EXPLANATION AND DEFINITION OF THEIR MDW PROPOSAL. HE NOTED THAT WHEN AMBASSADOR HAD CITED FRG'S RENUNCIATION OF ABC WEAPONS, ISRAELYAN HAD SUGGESTED THAT NEW MDW COULD BE DEFINED AS ALL OTHER WEAPONS OF MASS DESTRUCTION.

4. ENSUING DISCUSSION INDICATED ESSENTIAL CONCURRENCE OF VIEWS ON MDW. VALDEVIT (ITALY) SAID ROME HAD CABLED THAT GOI WAS NOT WILLING TO SEND "OUTSIDE" EXPERTS BEFORE USSR MORE CLEARLY DEFINED TYPES OF WEAPONS TO BE COVERED. BARTON (CANADA) INDICATED CANADIANS ALSO WOULD NOT SEND OUTSIDE EXPERTS. HE CONFIRMED THAT ISRAELYAN HAD APPROACHED CANADIAN AMBASSADOR IN MOSCOW ABOUT TWO WEEKS AGO AND HELD "FRUITLESS DISCUSSION." CANADIAN HAD POINTED TO NEED FOR MORE SPECIFICITY REGARDING SOVIET PROPOSAL. CONFIDENTIAL

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OGISO (JAPAN) SAID SIMILAR MOSCOW CONTACT HAD TAKEN PLACE WITH JAPANESE; VAN DER KLAUW (THE NETHERLANDS) SAID DUTCH EXPECTED TO BE CONTACTED, THAT MFA HAD APPROACHED LUXEMBOURG AMBASSADOR UNDER APPARENT MISAPPREHENSION REGARDING NETHERLANDS CCD MEMBERSHIP (*).

5. ON ENMOD, OGISO EXPRESSED APPRECIATION (AS DID OTHERS) FOR U.S. EFFORTS TO POSTPONE SPECIAL MEETINGS

UNTIL MEMBER OF ALLIES HAD CHANCE TO DELIVER THEIR GENERAL STATEMENTS. HE ASKED WHETHER CO-SPONSORS WOULD GIVE EQUAL WEIGHT TO GENERAL STATEMENTS AND TO POSITIONS EXPRESSED IN INFORMAL MEETINGS THAT WERE EXPECTED TO TAKE UP DRAFT CONVENTION ARTICLE-BY-ARTICLE. MARTIN REPLIED THAT U.S. WOULD TRY TO GIVE EQUAL WEIGHT, BUT THAT COMMENTS ON SPECIFIC ELEMENTS OF TEXT WOULD OF COURSE BE OF PARTICULAR INTEREST. IN LATTER CONNECTION, MARTIN REITERATED U.S. INTENTION AT SPRING SESSION TO DEFEND TEXT AS IT STANDS WHILE INDICATING FLEXIBILITY IN CONSIDERING POSSIBLE PROPOSALS FOR CHANGE.

6. ON PROCEDURES, SCHLAICH SAID HE HAD MANY PROBLEMS WITH ROMANIAN WORKING PAPER, ABOVE ALL THAT IT DID NOT INDICATE ANY CLEAR ROLE FOR PLENARY. FRG, HE SAID, DID NOT WANT TO CHANGE STRUCTURE OF CCD. HE WAS CONCERNED, HOWEVER, THAT ROMANIAN PROPOSALS MIGHT BE HARD TO FEND OFF. MARTIN AGREED WITH SCHLAICH ON NEED TO DELINEATE PLENARY'S PRINCIPAL ROLE AND RIGHT OF EVERY MEMBER TO RAISE ANY TOPIC IT CHOSE AT ANY PLENARY MEETING. HE ADDED THAT HE HAD IMPRESSION NON-ALIGNED WERE NOT TOO ENTHUSIASTIC ABOUT ROMANIAN PROPOSAL, PARTICULARLY SUBCOMMITTEE WITH DETAILED RESPONSIBILITIES; INSTEAD, KEY NON-ALIGNED SEEMED TO PREFER MORE GENERALIZED MEXICAN SUGGESTION FOR SUBCOMMITTEE. MARTIN ALSO REITERATED U.S. INTENTION TO HAVE CCD PROCEDURES DISCUSSED IN TOTO AND NOT PIECEMEAL.

7. VAN DER KLAUW THOUGHT THAT PROPOSALS FOR SPECIAL MEETINGS ON SPECIFIC SUBJECTS (E.G., MDW AND ENMOD) MET DTUCH INTEREST IN CONCENTRATING CCD'S WORK. HE SUGGESTED THESE POINTS BE RAISED AT FIRST INFORMAL

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MEETING IN HOPE THAT PRESSURE FOR INSTITUTING SUBCOMMITTEE COULD BE DIFFUSED. GROUP AGREED THIS WAS WORTH TRYING.

8. MEETING CONCLUDED WITH DISCUSSION OF CCD SCHEDULING, PARTICULARLY PROBLEMS IN RECONVENING FOR SUMMER SESSION OCCASIONED BY CONFLICT WITH AD HOC COMMITTEE ON U.N. DISARMAMENT ROLE. BARTON SAID CANADIANS HAS "PESSIMISTIC" REPORT FROM U.N. COMMITTEE ON CONFERENCES REGARDING PROPOSED ADVANCEMENT OF AD HOC COMMITTEE'S SCHEDULE TO JUNE 14-25. HE STATED PERSONAL VIEW THAT SCHEDULE CONFLICT SHOULD NOT CAUSE POSTPONEMENT OF CCD RECONVENING, AGREEING WITH SOVIET VIEW, RELAYED BY MARTIN, THAT MID-JULY WOULD BE MUCH TOO LATE. DISCUSSION REVEALED THAT SEVERAL DELEGATIONS WANTED TO HAVE THEIR CCD REPS AVAILABLE FOR AD HOC COMMITTEE. SUGGESTION WAS MADE

THAT THIS WOULD BE FACILITATED BY SHIFTING AD HOC
COMMITTEE'S VENUE FROM NEW YORK TO GENEVA; THERE WAS
GENERAL AGREEMENT THAT THIS WOULD BE DESIRABLE BUT
VERY DIFFICULT TO ACCOMPLISH. DALE

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